



To ESR Executive Sponsors

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Dear colleague

### ESR Move to NHS Care Records Service (CRS) Smartcard Access – Additional Information

We have received an excellent response to our letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> April 2009 (entitled “ESR move to NHS CRS Smartcard Access”) and over 80% of organisations have now committed to transition to smartcard access before the end of August 2009 target date.

We are aware that your organisation has yet to confirm which of the available data load slots you prefer before the end of August 2009. To do this you will need to submit a request to the dedicated e-mail address [esr.smartcard@nhs.net](mailto:esr.smartcard@nhs.net) at the earliest opportunity.

If your organisation has concerns about completing the NHS CRS Smartcard implementation for Employee Self Service or National LMS users by this date, please communicate these to the NHS ESR Central Team at [esr.smartcard@nhs.net](mailto:esr.smartcard@nhs.net). They will be able to discuss agreed approaches for overcoming this pressure.

Following this initiative, we plan to remove the traditional access to ESR via username and password. From that point access to ESR will only be possible via NHS CRS Smartcard with the exception of Employee Self Service and National LMS users, where this has been agreed with the NHS ESR Central Team.

The exact date for removal of username and password access is still under review, but this is likely to take place during October 2009. We will communicate this date when it is confirmed. We look forward, therefore, to receiving confirmation of your transition date in the near future.

For additional information regarding the ESR move to NHS CRS Smartcard access please access [www.esrsolution.co.uk/iim](http://www.esrsolution.co.uk/iim).

Yours sincerely

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